THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Wednesday, 26th November 1952.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras, at half-past ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—SWEARING-IN OF A NEW MEMBER.

Sri Vyricherla Chandra Chudamani Deo was sworn-in.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Report of the Khosla Committee.

* 142 *Q.*—SRI T. VISWANATHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the report of the Technical Committee of the Planning Commission on the Krishna and Godavari River Valley Schemes has been received by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, whether a copy of the same will be placed on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Planning Commission have forwarded to this Government the tentative interim report of the Technical Committee received by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission inform us that they are arranging for further investigations and have banned publication of the interim communication. When a communication is received by this Government and made available for publication, it will certainly be placed on the table of the House."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM:—" May I know when this report was communicated to this Government and whether the Technical Committee which made the report called it tentative?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" The Technical Committee did not send us any report. The Planning Commission sent it to us with a demi-official letter stating that this so-called report was being sent for further examination. It was marked confidential."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM:—" May I know, while perusing the report which was sent along with the demi-official letter, whether the Government noted anywhere that the Technical Committee called it an interim report or a tentative report?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" I might mention to the hon. Member that I have not yet seen the report. It was a letter from the Planning Commission which was dealt with by the Government. The matter itself was and

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is still being dealt with by the technical officers of this Government. It is going on and it will be a subject for further discussion there. Any questions about the title given to the paper must be addressed to the Planning Commission."

Sri M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" ఇప్పుడు గవర్నమెంటు వారికి వచ్చి నటువంటి యీ రిపోర్టు interim technical committee report అని చెప్పుతున్నారు. అసలు ఇది మొదటనే interim report గా వచ్చిందా, లేక మద్రాసు గవర్నమెంటు ఆ విధంగా చేయాలని Planning Commission వారిని కోరినతరువాత అలావచ్చిందా ? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is no good spinning it out. I have made the matter perfectly clear. The Planning Commission are still considering this communication that they received from the Technical Committee of theirs. They may give it out for opinion to all and sundry but it is not yet in the possession of this Government."

Sri T. NAGI REDDI :—" ఈ కమిటీ రిపోర్టు వచ్చిందని రంగా రెడ్డిగారు, రాలేదని ప్రధాన మంత్రిగారు చెప్పుతున్నారు. అది వచ్చివుంటే ఇక్కడ cabinet సభ్యులు దానిని పరిశీలించి తమ అభిప్రాయాలను Central Governmentకు పంపించారా ? రాకపోయినట్లయితే దానిని తెప్పించేందుకు కృషిచేసి మా అందరికి కూడా దానికాపీలు సప్లయిచేస్తారా ? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is still under technical examination by technical people. I want the hon. Member to take my word for it. I have not yet seen the report. I have not looked at even the first page of this paper."

Sri T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I know whether the Hon. the Minister for Public Works, who is in charge of the subject, has seen the report, touched the report or at least read the title page of the report? I want to know whether he has physically seen the report."

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" I may tell the hon. Member that I have seen the report."

Sri T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I know then, whether the Technical Committee called it a tentative or an interim report and that, therefore, it should not be published? May I also know the date on which this Government received the report? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Any questions with reference to the contents of the paper are covered by our previous answer made on behalf of the Government that the report is still declared to be a confidential paper by the Planning Commission who have sent it to us, and it is not right for us to give out in bits any particular parts of it for publication. It will lead more to misunderstanding than to understanding."